Mountain Weather Forecast

Northwest Highlands

Including Sutherland, Ben Wyvis, Wester Ross, The Cuillin, Glen Affric, Glen Shiel and Knoydart
Forecast valid from 06:00 on Friday 26 May 2023 until 23:59 on Saturday 27 May 2023

Forecast Issued on Friday 26 May 2023 at 02:12 by Met Office Aberdeen

Confidence: Low for extent of any cloud breaks on Friday and Saturday. High for dry and settled weather from Sunday onwards.

Headline for Friday 26 May 2023: Cloudy, some light rain in the west.

Mountain weather hazards on Friday 26 May 2023

Blizzards
No Likelihood

Heavy persistent snow
No Likelihood

Storm force winds
No Likelihood

Gales
No Likelihood

Severe chill effect
No Likelihood

Poor visibility
High Likelihood

Thunderstorms
No Likelihood

Heavy persistent rain
No Likelihood

Strong sunlight
Low Likelihood

Weather and chance of precipitation at 800m					
Time					
06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00
		FOG	FOG	FOG	FOG
Cloudy	Cloudy	Fog	Fog	Fog	Fog
Precipitation probability					
40%	40%	40%	30%	30%	30%

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Weather: A dry and bright start across the east of the area, then all parts will see a good deal of cloud through the day. Western ranges will see some light rain at times, but drier inland across the east. Some breaks possible in the cloud sheet towards the Great Glen in the afternoon.

Chance of cloud-free hill tops above 800m: 30%, best chance towards the Great Glen, and at first in the morning across the east. Little chance along the west coast.

Low cloud and visibility: Becoming widely poor in extensive low cloud down to 500 to 800 metres, and occasionally down to 200 metres across Skye. Some occasional improvement possible towards the Great Glen.

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Height (m)	Wind Speed mean/gusts (mph) Wind Direction (blowing from)						
	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1000	14/16 W	14/19 SW	17/22 SW	16/22 SW	14/20 W	16/21 SW	21/28 SW
900	12/15 W	13/18 SW	15/21 SW	16/22 SW	14/19 W	16/21 SW	20/27 SW
600	10/12 SW	10/15 SW	13/19 SW	13/19 SW	11/16 W	12/17 SW	15/22 SW
300	2/11 W	3/12 SW	7/17 SW	7/18 W	5/15 W	5/16 SW	6/20 SW
Glen	4/7 W	4/8 W	8/15 SW	8/14 W	7/13 W	7/14 SW	7/15 SW

Height (m)	Temperature / Feels Like (°C)						
	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1000	2/-3	4/-0	6/2	6/2	6/2	5/1	4/-1
900	3/-2	5/1	7/3	7/3	7/3	6/2	5/0
600	5/2	7/4	9/6	9/6	9/6	8/5	7/4
300	8/8	10/10	11/10	12/10	11/11	10/9	9/8
Glen	10/10	12/12	13/12	14/12	13/12	12/11	12/10
Freezing Level*	1800m	2500m	2600m	2300m	2100m	2100m	2000m

**Level above which ground is expected to be frozen/snow is expected to settle.*

Met Office Aberdeen Meteorologist's View
Despite a bright start inland widespread cloud by afternoon will lead to navigational difficulties.

Forecast for Saturday 27 May 2023
Weather: The morning will see a lot of low cloud together with occasional light rain. Drier and much brighter weather will spread southeastwards through the afternoon and evening to leave a fine end to the day. Cold, strong and gusty summits winds with notable wind chill.

Maximum wind: Southwesterly winds average speeds of 30 mph with gusts to 50 mph, turning westerly in afternoon and speeds decreasing later in the day

Chance of cloud-free hill tops above 800m: Little chance in the morning, 80% in the afternoon

Low cloud and visibility: Poor in areas of cloud down to 500 to 800 metres in the morning, cloud breaking in the afternoon and lifting off all but highest tops with much improved visibility. Still some patchy cloud above 900 metres.

Temperature: **Glens:** Plus 7 rising to 14 Celsius
At 800m: Plus 8 Celsius, falling to 4 Celsius later in the day
Freezing level: Above summits falling to 1100 metres later in the day

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